



# NEWSLETTER

MCRW: Vol. 3 TFRW Region No. XVII, Senate District No. 4



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# Happy St. Patrick's Day



## *Never Stop Learning: The Key to Growth and Success*



In today's fast-changing world, the most successful people have one thing in common –they never stop learning. As Republican women we need to constantly keep learning. Staying active and engaged in our party keeps us informed in local, county, state and national affairs. Whether it's picking up a new skill, reading a book, or attending a workshop, continuous learning keeps your mind sharp and opens doors to new opportunities.

Lifelong learning isn't just about career advancement; it also improves creativity, problem-solving, and personal fulfillment. With so many online courses, artificial intelligence, podcasts, and resources available, gaining new knowledge has never been easier. Knowledge is powerful! Come to our meetings. We have planned some informative programs to keep you informed. ***Republican women are strong women!***

So, challenge yourself to learn something new every day. Stay curious, stay motivated, and keep growing—because the more you learn, the more you achieve!

***Keep Texas Red!***

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*Join  
-US!*

**If you would like to volunteer to serve  
on one of our many committees,  
please reach out to the committee  
chair, *We'd love to chat!***





*Join us:*  
**MCRW General Meeting**  
March 27th, 2025  
Social at 11am & Luncheon at 11:30am  
at River Plantation Golf Club  
Register at [mcrepublicanwomen.org](http://mcrepublicanwomen.org)  
*Registration Required, "A reservation made is a reservation paid."*



*Featuring:*  
**Cathy O'Bryan, Author**  
**Topic: Her true story of growing up with parents in the CIA**



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## St. Patrick's Day Fun Fact:

Historically, presidents would welcome Irish leaders to the White House on St. Patrick's Day, whether or not they were Irish themselves. Tradition has been for the president to receive a bowl of shamrocks from the prime minister of Ireland.

Source: <https://www.federaltimes.com/management/pay-benefits/2023/03/10/is-st-patricks-day-a-federal-holiday/#:~:text=Historically%20presidents%20would%20welcome%20Irish%20leaders%20to,shamrocks%20from%20the%20prime%20minister%20of%20Ireland.>

## Important GOP Site Links:

[NFRW.ORG](http://NFRW.ORG)

[TFRW.ORG](http://TFRW.ORG)

[GOP.COM](http://GOP.COM)

[TexasGOP.org](http://TexasGOP.org)

[MCRW SITE](#)

## Legislative Committee: Karen Callanan

Day 60 of the 140 days for the 89th Texas Legislative Session is March 14, 2025 the last day to file legislation: Deadline for the unrestricted filing of bills and joint resolutions other than local bills, emergency appropriations, and emergency matters by the governor. So, bills assigned to committees will be left to die or move rapidly now that the filing deadline has arrived.

Remember LT. Governor Dan Patrick has his 25 priorities for this session and hit the ground running. The Texas Senate consists of 31 members. So, the process is usually at a faster pace than the Texas House of Representatives with 150 members. The Governors "emergency items" are moving through the Senate and sent to the House. Then, they must work through differences before being sent to the Governor for signing. It has been observed that Speaker Burrows is reaching out to the Lt. Governor and Governor to work out the Voucher bills and Property taxes. Speaker Burrows is very savvy, a straight shooter and very organized with the political talent for turning no votes into yes votes. He is a peace maker. Lt. Governor respects this, reporter for Texas Trib mentioned. So, all three get along as social conservatives, as reported by the Texas Tribune.

Immigration is front and center. House says no to gambling in Texas. The lottery process will be cleaned up.

March 12th , I watched the Texas Senate live and Senator Lois Kolkhorst presented SB 25, Nutrition Education re standards for food both manufactured and sold in Texas. While labeling for informed Consent to consumers. Additives that other countries do not permit in their food will be permitted only on a limited basis. It passed unanimously to Make Texas Healthy Again! Right before the vote Senator Creighton asked to be named a Co-Sponsor of SB25. *Anyone interested can go online to watch the Texas Senate and the House of Representatives live.*

-Karen Callanan, Legislative Chair

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## Campaign Activities: Pearl Maggio

Campaign hours for the second quarter are due to Pearl Maggio **no later than April 12**. Please give yourself credit for all you do politically. Email your hours to, [pmaggio@consolidated.net](mailto:pmaggio@consolidated.net).

Thanks.



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## Awards: Susan Stockholm

NFRW and TFRW each offer a Club Achievement Award. The Awards serve as guidelines for clubs to follow in planning their yearly activities. Following the Award guidelines helps MCRW provide members with opportunities to become more politically active, to become better informed voters, to participate in the election process and to engage with elected officials. In addition to political benefits, the Awards guidelines encourage clubs to become active in their communities. Members can choose to donate to a variety of charities, to aid veterans and veteran facilities and to become involved with local schools through book and constitution donations and by granting young ladies college scholarships. The Awards also encourage clubs to provide opportunities for members to meet and socialize with other like-minded Republican women.

By following the Awards guidelines, MCRW becomes eligible to apply for NFRW's Caring for America Award and Armed Services Award and TFRW's Americanism Award and Best Newsletter Award. Achieving these Awards helps to bring state and national recognition to MCRW.

## Caring for America: Beverly Wright & Donna Norling

A huge THANK YOU for all the t-shirts, leggings, underwear and bras for the Montgomery County Women's Center. If you were unable to donate last month, you can donate the clothing items at the March 27th meeting.

A big thank you to Donna Norling for arranging for a representative from the MCWC to receive our donations at our March meeting! Your generosity is a blessing to so many women. *Please contact us if you would like to join the Caring For America committee.*



## Caring for America, 2 Ways to Give:

1) MCRW will be collecting **NEW** bras, undies, leggings, and t-shirts, in all sizes, to donate to the Montgomery County Women's Center. We will collect items at our March meeting.



2) MCRW proudly supports our local VFW & hosts a monthly snack drive to stock their pantry for homeless veterans. There is a donation box in the lobby, by check-in, for snacks to be dropped off.

### SUGGESTED ITEMS:

-Tuna Kits/Packets    -Fruit Cups    -Protein/Granola Bars    -Crackers (PB/Cheese)    -Meat Packets (Spam/Chicken)

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## Membership: Suzanne Adams



*Join us for our Membership Mixer!*



Tuesday, April 1, 5pm - 7pm, at Fogo de Chao The Woodlands

Please join us on the patio @ Fogo de Chao & bring your spouse, friends, and neighbors.

MCRW will provide appetizers and there will be a cash bar.

## 2025 Membership Numbers

Primary Membership: Goal: **140** To Date: **87**

Associate Member: Goal: **75** To Date: **46**

**2025 membership dues are due now.** Scan the QR code to join/renew, or join online at [mcrepublicanwomen.org](http://mcrepublicanwomen.org). You may contact Suzanne Adams, Membership Chairman @ 713-582-8902 if you are unsure of the status of your membership.



# FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES:

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## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING February 27, 2025, River Plantation Country Club, Conroe, Texas**

Meeting called to order at 11:31 a.m. Barbara Eddleman, MCRW President, Prayer & Pledges Kaye Stone, MCRW Americanism Chair, Elected Officials and Guests Barbara Eddleman, MCRW President, President's Comments Barbara Eddleman, MCRW President, Minutes – January 23, 2025 (Approved) Christin Cormier, MCRW Recording secretary, Treasurer's Report (through 1/31/25 approved) Nancy Hicks, MCRW Treasurer

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **2nd Vice President, Membership Suzanne Adams**

-As of February 27, 2025, MCRW has 79 full members, 41 associate members, and 1 junior affiliate. Welcome packets are available to any new members or for those who join MCRW.

-A Membership social is planned for April 1, 2025 (time TBA) at Fogo de Chao in The Woodlands, Texas. The speaker is Brian Christ who will be giving a riveting discussion about the current state of affairs of Cyber Security and AI. Bylaws/Parliamentarian Pearl Maggio & Alice Melancon.

-The MRCW amended bylaws were submitted to the general membership. Modifications Article 3, Section III, Article 1, Section were discussed. All members should review the bylaws. MCRW must wait 30 days for the vote, which will be held at the March 2025 general meeting.

#### **Ways & Means Alice Melancon, Suzanne Adams & Mary Lea Kirk**

-SAVE THE DATE: The 2025 MCRW biennial fundraiser will be held on September 18, 2025. Family Feud with a Political Twist will be comprised of a panel of elected officials, and a silent auction will be held for which MCRW is seeking donated items.

#### **Texas Federal of Republican Women (TFRW) 2024 VEP Update Alice Melancon**

-According to the TFRW PRESS RELEASE, the TFRW Voter Engagement Program (VEP) made up of MCRW and other clubs around the county and state, made a significant impact in Texas and in key battleground States. In 2024, TFRW made over 1 million calls and registered over 193,000 new Republican voters in Texas. Battleground states were secured, in part by the help of TFRW members, who registered 359,534 voters, which resulted in 290,061 Republican votes. Caring for America/Armed Services Beverly Wright & Donna Norling, -MCRW is collecting food for retired vets, clothing (new undergarments) for the Montgomery County Women's Center (MCWC), a box for retired flags. Boxes are located by the membership sign-in sheets at the general meetings. MCWC donations will only be gathered through March 2025.

#### **Legislative Karen Callanan**

-The 89th Legislative session in Texas is in session. Governor Greg Abbott continues to seek approval of his legislative priorities (property tax relief, water infrastructure investment, teacher pay raises, expand career training, school choice, bail reform and creating a Texas Cyber Command). Additional details can be found in the MCRW newsletter. TFRW Legislative Day on March 20-21, 2025. -Details LINK here: Legislative Day 2025 - TFRW THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS MARCH 15

#### **Communications Stacey Evans**

-Constant Contact text messaging has been initiated to allow members and guests to receive communication via text as well as email. MCRW also has a website, Facebook and Instagram.

#### **Corresponding Secretary Barbara Eddleman, MCRW President for Rachael Peters**

-MCRW has received several thank you cards for donations and memorial flowers. Rachel Peters is working on the newsletter the TFRW and National Federal for Republican Women (NFRW) newsletters/websites are available to members and provide valuable resources.

#### **Budget/Finance Barbara Eddleman, Nancy Hicks & Alice Melancon**

-Nancy Hicks, Pearl Maggio, Suzanne Adams & Alice Melancon make up the 2025 financial review committee and will review MCRW financial transactions in 2024.



# FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED:

## Budget/Finance Barbara Eddleman, Nancy Hicks & Alice Melancon

-Nancy Hicks, Pearl Maggio, Suzanne Adams & Alice Melancon make up the 2025 financial review committee and will review MCRW financial transactions in 2024.

## Campaign Activities Pearl Maggio

-Pearl Maggio submitted over 9,000 hours in December 2024. The next quarter hours will be due in March 2025.

## Hospitality Kathy Rickli & Betty Byrd

-Sign-up sheets are available for members to bring desserts and gift bags for 2025 general meetings. The sign-up sheets are at the sign-in counter at the entry of the clubhouse during general meetings.

## Women of Distinction Mary Lea Kirk

-The Women of Distinction luncheon will be held on May 2, 2025 at the Hyatt Conference Center in Conroe, Texas. The MCRW 2025 Woman of Distinction honoree is Lindsey Kasprzak.

**-Keynote Speakers :Rev. Dr. Scott Moore & Lt. Coulter/TABC Topic "Raids and Rescues" highlighting human trafficking** organized via Cartels in the greater Houston area. The speakers provided an eye-opening discussion about the thousands of immigrants that have been smuggled into the United States for both domestic servitude and sex trafficking. There are thousands of cantinas/bars operating in the Houston area that financially profit by exploiting primarily young immigrant women to "pay off" smuggling debt. The TBAC is working with federal, state and local law enforcement to shut down these illegal operations, which are controlled primarily by Cartel families operating in Mexico. **REPORT suspicious activity to The National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 844-643-2251 or to the TBAC at 888-373-7888.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m. Barbara Eddleman, MCRW President

## 89TH LEGISLATURE UPDATE: SENATOR CREIGHTON

### 89TH SESSION UPDATE

Dear Proud Texan,

A lot of attention has been on Governor Abbott's emergency item, and my bill, SB 2—the Texas Education Freedom Act—was the first bill passed this session in the Senate. As a top conservative priority, this legislation is a major step toward finally delivering school choice to Texas families. But we aren't stopping there—there's still important work to do on property tax relief, border security, and protecting Texas values.

I'm working on a full slate of bills to protect Texas and defend our conservative values. There's plenty more work ahead, but rest assured—the fight is on, and I'm leading the charge to deliver real results for Texas Republicans.

God Bless Texas,

Brandon

## Let's Connect, Follow us on Social Media



MCRW is now on Instagram, our handle is **MoCoRW\_TX!** Follow us there for updates!



Be sure to **LIKE** and **FOLLOW** the MCRW Facebook **PAGE**.

## MCRW Treasurer's Report February 28, 2025 General Fund

**Beginning Book Account Balance per Book (January 31, 2025) \$ 41367.75**

### Income/Deposits

02/03/25	Square	ABC Training Revenue/Membership	\$	149.87
02/04/25	Square	ABC Training Revenue	\$	124.65
02/05/25	Square	ABC Training Revenue	\$	74.79
02/10/25	Square	Membership	\$	59.90
02/11/25	Square	ABC Training Revenue	\$	142.73
02/12/25	DEPOSIT	Membership/Newspaper Ads	\$	165.00
02/13/25	Square	Luncheon - February	\$	61.88
02/14/25	Square	Membership	\$	66.40
02/14/25	DEPOSIT	ABC Training Revenue	\$	1200.00
02/18/25	Square	Luncheon – February/Membership	\$	342.88
02/19/25	Square	Preisler Golf Properties, Luncheon	\$	40.48
02/20/25	Square	Membership	\$	106.88
02/21/25	Square	Luncheon - February	\$	92.82
02/24/25	Square	Luncheon – February/Membership	\$	195.18
02/25/25	Square	Luncheon – February/Membership	\$	183.66
02/28/25	Square	Luncheon – February/Membership	\$	140.99

**Total Income/Deposit \$ 3148.11**

### Expenses – Charges & Checks

02/09/25	2690	V. Miller – Past President Expense	\$	93.59
02/09/25	2691	Speed Printing – Newsletter/Handbook	\$	96.10
02/10/25	2692	Preisler Golf Properties – ABC's	\$	2125.00
02/11/25	2693	K. Rummell – Membership Supplies	\$	287.21
02/18/25	2694	TFRW – Submission - 4	\$	275.00
02/11/25	2695	S. Adams – Membership Supplies	\$	33.55
02/11/25	2696	MCWCO – Women of Distinction Member	\$	50.00
02/11/25	2697	S. Stockholm – Literacy – Book Donations	\$	21.31
02/13/25	DEBIT	CONSTANT CONTACT – Texting Service	\$	23.46
02/21/25	2698	S. Stockholm – Literacy – Book Donations	\$	52.12
02/21/25	2699	R. Peters – Membership, TRFW Mtg Support	\$	177.42
02/27/25	2700	Preisler Golf Properties, Luncheon	\$	1500.00

**Total Checks and Bank Charges \$ 4734.76**

Ending Bank Account Balance per Books \$  
 39781.10  
 Petty Cash \$ 100.00



**Total Cash Available (February 28, 2025) \$ 39881.10**

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# EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 2025

<b>March 20-22</b>	TFRW Legislative Day (3/20-21) & TFRW Q2 Board Meeting (3/22)	For More Information Click Here: <a href="http://TFRW.org">TFRW.org</a>
<b>March 27, 2025</b>	MCRW General Meeting Speaker: Cathy O'Bryan	River Plantation Golf Club 500 Country Club Dr., Conroe, TX Social: 11am   Meeting: 11:30 am
 <b>April 1, 2025</b> 	<b>MCRW MEMBERSHIP MIXER BRING A BUDDY, OR 2!</b>	Fogo de Chao- The Woodlands Come & Go, 5-7 PM Free Apps + Cash Bar
<b>April 10, 2025</b>	MCRW Board Meeting	10 am, South County Community Center Room Number TBD (2235 Lake Robbins Dr., 77380)
<b>April 24, 2025</b>	MCRW General Meeting Q&A with Sheriff Dolittle & Commissioner. Wheeler	River Plantation Golf Club 500 Country Club Dr., Conroe, TX Social: 11am   Meeting: 11:30 am

## Newsletter Ads:

MCRW sells business card ads for \$100 per year. Newsletter campaign advertisements are also available for purchase. Ads are published monthly in the MCRW newsletter, except for July & November.

These ads should **not** be considered endorsements by MCRW.

**If you'd like to purchase an ad or have questions, please email Rachael Peters at [Rachael.D.Peters@gmail.com](mailto:Rachael.D.Peters@gmail.com).**

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**SAVE THE**  
*Date*

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN FUNDRAISER**

**POLITICAL**  
*Feud*

**THURSDAY  
SEPT. 18, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**RIVER PLANTATION  
GOLF CLUB**

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